Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Gregory A. Smith, was born in Gregory, South Dakota, graduated from Gregory High School in 1978, graduated from South Dakota State University with a civil engineering degree in 1983, and has been a lifelong resident of this state; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Smith entered into active duty on October 21, 1983, and has devoted over 20 years of his life to the United States Air Force; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country through his assignments in New Hampshire, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Colorado, and Guam, as well as operations in the Persian Gulf and the Balkans; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Smith will be recognized at an official ceremony at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, on January 5, 2004; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Smith for his dedicated and outstanding service to this country and state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 5, 2004, as

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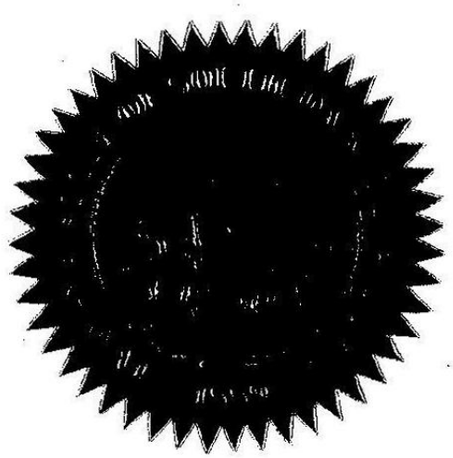
in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State